

**LEMON GROVE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Item No. 4
Mtg. Date May 16, 2017
Dept. City Manager's Office

Item Title: State Legislative Report - Oppose Assembly Bill 805 (Gonzalez Fletcher)

Staff Contact: Lydia Romero, City Manager

Recommendation:

Discuss and adopt a resolution (**Attachment B**) on AB 805 (Gonzalez Fletcher) and on AB1250 (Jones-Sawyer)

Item Summary:

Assembly Bill 805 introduced by Assembly Member Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher is a measure that would make substantial changes to SANDAG, MTS, and NCTD. This bill was recently amended taking out certain provisions.

Assembly Bill 1250 introduced by Assembly Member Reginald Jones-Sawyer is a measure that would create onerous provisions to contracting out services by a city or a county.

The staff report (**Attachment A**) provides an analysis of how these changes would not be beneficial to City of Lemon Grove or its residents. Staff recommends that the City Council oppose both of these measures by way of resolution (**Attachment B**) as it moves through the legislative process.

Fiscal Impact:

Unknown fiscal impact should the measure pass.

Environmental Review:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not subject to review | <input type="checkbox"/> Negative Declaration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption, Section <u> </u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated Negative Declaration |

Public Information:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter article | <input type="checkbox"/> Notice to property owners within 500 ft. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Notice published in local newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood meeting | |

Attachments:

- A. Staff Report
B. Resolution 2017

LEMON GROVE CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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Staff Contact: [Lydia Romero, City Manager]

Discussion:

Assembly Bill (AB) 805

AB 805 introduced by Assembly Member Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher is a measure that would change voting structure and board make up of SANDAG, MTS, and NCTD. The Lemon Grove City Council took a position of opposition to this measure at the April 4, 2017 City Council Meeting. Since that time the measure has been amended to remove some provisions from legislation, however the most troubling provisions remain in the bill. These provision are:

- SANDAG Board quorum and votes are based on a weighted system.
- Require the chair and vice chair of SANDAG to be the mayors of the largest city and the second-largest city, who would alternate between serving as chairperson and vice chairperson for four-year terms.

By eliminating the current one city one vote rule with a weighted voting structure based on population thereby giving the two largest cities, City of San Diego and City of Chula Vista virtual control of the SANDAG board, including allocation of federal and state transportation funds and all TransNet grant monies.

As mentioned in the previous staff report only the cities with the largest and second largest population can serve as Chair and Vice Chair of the SANDAG Board. Today, that means only the City of San Diego and City of Chula Vista can hold those positions, therefore eliminating any possibility a smaller city such as Lemon Grove to have its representative board serve in a leadership role and be a voice for the smaller cities in the region.

Although the recent amendments to the bill is a step in the right direction, the remaining provisions would essentially concentrate all control of SANDAG to the City of San Diego and the City of Chula Vista and make smaller jurisdictions like Lemon Grove an insignificant voice on what is a regional body. Lemon Grove deserves equal representation on a Regional Board that discusses land use and transportation issues effecting an entire region, our residents are just as deserving as those that live in City of San Diego and Chula Vista.

Staff recommends the Lemon Grove City Council continue to remain opposed to this measure.

Assembly Bill (AB) 1250

AB 1250 introduced by Reginald Jones –Sawyer is a measure that would make significant changes to local government's ability to contract for services. As a small city, Lemon Grove contracts for services that would otherwise be performed by city employees. These services are, engineering, building review and inspection, law enforcement, animal control, tree trimming, landscaping, and information technology. Should this bill become law, there is no way the current city revenues can absorb all of these salaries or benefits and there will be a diminishing of all city services.

Attachment A

AB 1250 also requires that if a jurisdiction can meet all the standards to contract out, the contracting agency must create a searchable database of all the contractors and subcontractors, individually, disclosing their name, address, and specific salary. In addition the city must list how many employees are being displaced by contracting out these services.

This measure is fundamental threat to local control. The elected Mayor and City Council Members are in a much better position to know how to deliver these services within the constraints of city budgets, not a one size fits all solution. This measure is currently keyed as a state mandate program, so not only will it place undue financial burden on cities and counties, this measure creates a cost recoverable mandate that must be bore by the State General fund – costing California taxpayers twice.

Staff recommends opposing this measure as it moves through the legislative process. |

Conclusion:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the resolution (**Attachment B**) opposing AB 805 (Gonzalez Fletcher) and AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer) as it moves through the legislative process.

Attachment B

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEMON GROVE, CALIFORNIA OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL 805 (GONZALEZ FLETCHER) AND ASSEMBLY BILL 1250 (JONES-SAWYER)

WHEREAS, Assembly Member Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher introduced Assembly Bill 805 changing the structure of San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG); San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS); and North County Transit Agency (NCDT); and

WHEREAS, AB 805 unfairly puts the SANDAG Board under the control of the two largest cities in the County, City of San Diego and City of Chula Vista, to the detriment of smaller cities like Lemon Grove; and

WHEREAS, AB 805 eliminates the one city one vote rule using a weighted voting system based on population; and

WHEREAS, AB 805 undermines the participation of smaller cities in the decision making process, creating an unfair advantage by focusing on highly populated cities instead of an overall regional view; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Member Reginald Jones-Sawyer introduced Assembly Bill 1250 creating additional requirements on local governments when contracting out for city services; and

WHEREAS, AB 1250 unfairly burdens smaller jurisdictions by adding onerous, over prescriptive and unnecessary requirements creating a de facto ban on contracting out services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California hereby:

1. Opposes Assembly Bill 805 (Gonzalez Fletcher) in the 2017 legislative session; and
2. Opposes Assembly Bill 1250 Jones-Sawyer) in the 2017 legislative session; and
3. Instructs staff to prepare the necessary letters to be signed by the Mayor that expresses the City of Lemon Grove's opposition to AB 805 and AB 1250.

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